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The meeting was called to order at 3.35 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS (S/22897)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the report (S/22897) of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for admission to membership in the United Nations.

In paragraph 3 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Security Council the adoption of a draft resolution on the application for membership in the United Nations of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

I should like to congratulate the Committee on its decision to recommend that the Republic of the Marshall Islands be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in prior consultations among members of the Council, I propose that the Council adopt without a vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members.

As I hear no objection, it is so decided.

(The President)

I therefore declare that the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report (S/22897) of the Committee on the Admission of New Members has been adopted without a vote as resolution 704 (1991).

I shall immediately convey the decision of the Security Council recommending the admission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to membership in the United Nations to the Secretary-General for transmission to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure.

I shall now make a statement, in my capacity as President of the Security Council, on behalf of the members of the Council.

"The resolution which we have just adopted recommending the admission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to membership in the United Nations is a historic event. It marks the final steps in the process leading to the full integration of the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the international community, a process that was given an impetus when the Security Council adopted resolution 683 (1990), by which the Council declared that the trusteeship arrangement for the Marshall Islands had come to an end.

"The resolution which the Security Council has adopted reconfirms the full validity of the basic ideal of the universality of the United Nations, which calls upon all States - large and small - to help foster peaceful and orderly international coexistence.

(The President)

"We can see today that as the United Nations gains in universality, the specific responsibilities of States are strengthened, as are their rights to participate in the decision-making process in areas of concern to the international community as a whole involving the maintenance of international peace and security and, above all, the promotion of cooperation among peoples.

"The admission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to membership will serve to reaffirm the validity of the principles of the United Nations Charter and to facilitate the achievement of its purposes.

"On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I congratulate the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the Council's decision to recommend to the General Assembly that it be admitted as a member of the United Nations."

There being no other speakers, I take it that the Council has concluded its consideration of the matter before it.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.